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2000 Regional UIL Meet

Gorman High School students competed in the Regional II-A Academic Meet at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene on April 14-15. Students qualified for the Regional Meet by placing first, second or third at the District competition.

Mark Glover, junior, qualified for the state competition winning a 2nd medal in Headline Writing. In addition to Headline Writing, Glover also placed 6th in Computer Applications and competed in New Writing.

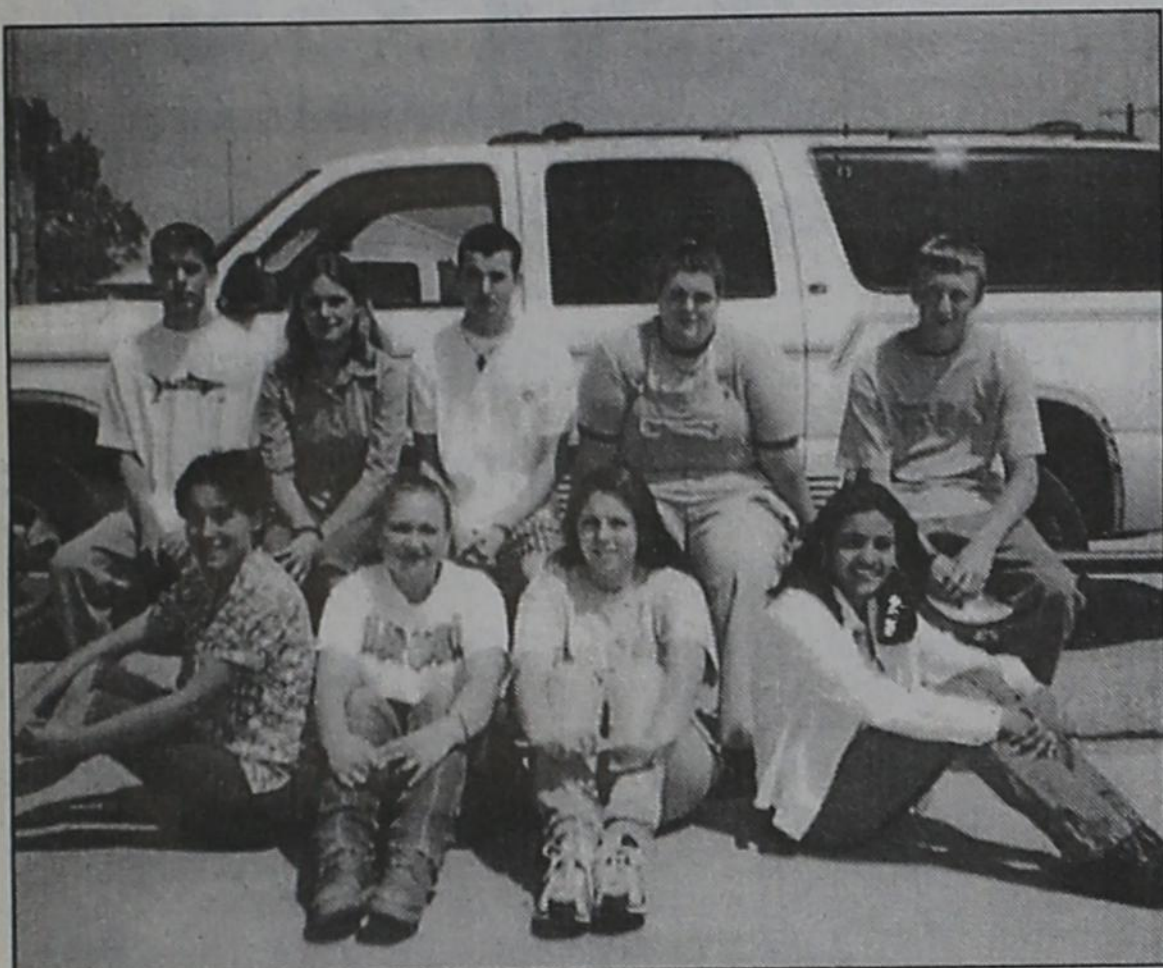
Keith Treadway, sophomore, placed 5th in News Writing, earning him the spot of 2nd alternate to state competition. He also was 7th in Current Issues and Events and competed in Computer Science.

Madelyn Wilkins, senior, placed 6th in Ready Writing. She also competed in Prose Interpretation.

Other competitors were: Bobbie Jo Grissom, senior, Headline Writing; Colton Van Dusen, junior, Computer Applications; Alma Sanchez, senior, Calculator Applications; Sheryl Everton, senior, Calculator Applications; Manuelita Madera, senior, Calculator Applications; Amanda Janecek, junior, Spelling.

Coaches taking the students to Regional were Gail Fischer, Becky Swanner and Linda Glover.

The State Meet will be held at the University of Texas Campus in Austin on May 4-5.



UIL District Academic Competitors--Juniors and Seniors

(Back Row) Colton Van Dusen, Amanda Janecek, Mark Glover, Sheryl Everton, Keith Treadway
(Front Row) Madelyn Wilkins, Bobbie Joe Grishom, Manuelita Madera, Alma Sanchez



UIL District Academic Competitors--Juniors and Seniors

(Back Row) Josh Johnson, Colton Van Dusen, William Hagood, Alma Sanchez
(Middle Row) Manuelita Madera, Amanda Janecek, Melissa Tarver, Mark Glover, Sheryl Everton, Cody Simpson
(Front Row) Pam Osborne, Madelyn Wilkins, Bobbie Joe Grissom, Brenda Ibarra (not pictured) Jessica Lara, Anita Lobo



UIL District Academic Competitors--Freshmen & Sophomores

(Back Row) Chris Torres, Keith Treadway, Dylan Cogburn, Ryan Keller
(Middle Row) Sarah Lewis, Kristina Everton, Jamie Maupin, Wes Wilkins, Russell Jay, Derrik Adams (not pictured) Ashley Roman, Brian Hunt

Registration for Credit by Exam

Students enrolled in Gorman ISD may register for Credit by Exam tests that will be given this summer. Students are to register in the elementary principal's office for these exams. The purpose of credit by exam is to allow a student to accelerate and earn credit for a particular course or grade without formal instruction. The deadline for registering for these tests is April 20.

The tests evaluate a student's mastery of currently approved Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for a subject and students must score at least 90 percent mastery for credit acceleration. The testing dates are set for June 28, 29, 30 and July 5, 6, 7.

2000-2001 Flags to Host Two Fundraisers

We are the 2000-2001 Flags and we are going to host two fund-raisers this weekend. Friday night, April 21, 2000 at 4:45 until we sell out, we will have a Bake Sale in front of ZJ's Steakhouse. Then Saturday, April 22, 2000 we are going to have a Car Wash at the American State Bank in Gorman at 8:30 a.m. til? The Car Wash will be by donation only.

Your support will be greatly appreciated. The funds will go toward our Flag uniforms.

Thank you,
Christina Mauney, Rachel Rainey, Ashley Jenkins, Tasha Ritter, Kristina Everton, and Crystal Ibarra (Drum Major)

Donnie Rodgers Makes Statement

As most of you know, I have filed for re-election for place 2 on the City Commission. I have lived in Gorman since Jim and I married in 1962, with the exception of five years when we lived at Carlton. I graduated from here and raised four kids here. I went to Ranger Jr. College and have worked at the Post Office for nearly twenty years, so most of you know me.

In the two years as Commissioner, I have learned a lot about the working of the City Commission. The first year was a year of learning exactly what the job encompassed. I went to two Texas Municipal League Schools, one in San Antonio and one at Plano, where I increased my knowledge of the job. During the last year, we paved 8 blocks and resurfaced twenty-one blocks. I know there are more streets that need work, but I exceeded my budget as it is.

The City crew painted the Pavilion at Frank Gray Park. They painted as high as they could reach and will finish when we can get a lift for the higher places and the time. The park has been cleaned and we are working on fixing a gate so that the park can be closed after dark unless someone has it scheduled for an outing.

At the present time, we have scheduled some major repairs on the swimming pool. It is supposed to be finished before the end of school.

I want everyone to know that I support the EDC. I resigned from the board because I felt that Mr. Vaughn had more time to spend on it than I do because he is retired and I work a full-time job.

During my term, I have had an open door policy--If anyone had a problem or a complaint, they could come to me, and many people did. I tried to resolve anything I could.

I ask that you re-elect me and let me continue as your Commissioner.

Thanks,
/s/ Donnie Rodgers

Thank You

The family of Lorene Foster wishes to express our heartfelt thanks for the cards, kind words, food, flowers and memorials during her passing.

A special thanks to the ladies of the Church of Christ for the wonderful lunch, to John Payne for his loving message and to the pallbearers who served. Also, a special thanks to Ray and Marjorie.

Gene and Carolyn would like to express our thanks to Shanda Hanifan, Helen Collum and Nancy Jones for all their help at the flower shop during this time. They did a wonderful job.

We sincerely appreciated every act

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that Eastland County Commissioner's Court will meet in a regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2000, in Eastland County Commissioner's Courtroom, Eastland, Texas, to consider the following agenda items:

1. Read and Sign Minutes-County Clerk
2. Lynn Williamson, County Surveyor to Address the Court Concerning County Maps and County Road Designations
3. Discuss and Consider Landfill Agreement with Eastland County Landfill Management, Ins-Imre Szekelyhidi, Eastland County Management Landfill, Inc.
4. Presentation of Information Received From Bryan Neaves of TXDOT on County Roads 564, 565, & 603-Joe Grimshaw, Commissioner, Pct. #2
5. GTE Southwest Inc., Request permission for Construction of a Communication Line Withint Right-of-Way of County Road Beginning 1.2 miles West of Hwy 183 and West Along County Road 206 (Pct. 3)
6. Consider Approval of Loss Control Manual for County-Sandy Cagle, Tax-Assessor Collector, County Loss Control Coordinator
7. Request Permission to Hire New Jailor-Sheriff Wayne Bradford
8. Consider Approval of Resolution in Spoort of Highway 6 Project as Part of the Texas TRUNK System
9. Outdoor Burning Ban Update
10. 9-1-1 Information Update
11. Budgetary and Appropriative Matters
12. Bills, Claims and Accounts

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who supported me and voted for me in the run-off election.

I want to say a big thank you to L.T and Willie for their support and influence. I am looking forward to visiting with all of you before November.

Thank you,
/s/ Bill Underwood

No School Board Trustee Election

Because the candidates for the Gorman ISD school board trustee election are unopposed, the May 6th school board election has been cancelled.

of kindness.
Earl & Ann Roberts & Family
Nevin & Kathy Foster & Family
Gene & Carolyn Foster & Family



Area One-Act Play Competitors

(Back Row) Colton Van Dusen, Miranda Hogan, Jessie Hagood, William Hagood, Melissa Tarver, Chris Fox
(Middle Row) Christina Mauney, Cindy Sanchez, Sarah Lewis, Mark Glover, Sheryl Everton, Cody Simpson, Robert Lewis
(Front Row) Madelyn Wilkins, Bobbie Joe Grissom, Levi Roberts, Ashley Jenkins, Brenda Ibarra

Underwood Wins Democratic Runoff Nomination Precinct 3

In the Precinct 3 Commissioner's race, Bill Underwood won the Democratic Runoff nomination. Wesley N. Warren carried Gorman by receiving 123 votes to Underwood's 93 votes. Underwood received 27 votes to Warren's 15 votes in Carbon. In Rising Star, Underwood received 131 votes to Warren's 26. Early returns showed Warren receiving 16 votes to Underwood's 8 votes. The Democratic nomination was decided with Bill Underwood earning 259 votes to 180 for Wesley Warren.

Underwood will face Republican James New in the November election to determine who will replace retiring Commissioner L.T. Owen.

City Plans for the Rural Resource Team

The City of Gorman is hosting a Rural Resource Team visit during the week of April 25-27. The community sponsors of this event are the Gorman Economic Development Corporation, the Gorman Chamber of Commerce and the City of Gorman.

The Resource Team is being invited into our community to perform several tasks. 1) They will be developing an objective community assessment based on community input, 2) They will be holding Listening Sessions for the community-at-large, 3) They will conduct a Resource Team Town Meeting, 4) They will compile a Resource Team Report for the community, complete with Resource Team Members & #8217; personal recommendations, and 5) They will provide Post-visit support and follow-up.

The Resource Team is made up of a panel of knowledgeable individuals from outside the community who are actively involved in some area of rural community development. These members are Ronnie Boston from North Texas Resource Conservation & Development, Dr. Joe McFarland, the resident Director of Research with Texas A&M (Stephenville), Faith Ballard, supervisor of consumer and Family affairs with Extension Agency, Tom Mann from the West Central Texas Council of Government, Patricia Butler with USDA Rural Development, and Ed Ellis from HUD Community Builders Program.

These Resource Team members volunteer their time and services as a member of this group in order to make the visit possible for small rural cities to afford such an elaborate evaluation. The cost of such a visit would be in excess of \$15,000-\$20,000 if the City of Gorman were to hire a consultant firm for this type of in-depth evaluation. In consideration for this, the City is responsible for arranging food and lodging for the members and extending a great effort to get the community to attend the Listening Sessions.

The community is invited to attend these Listening Sessions, which are held all day on Wednesday and on Thursday morning and early afternoon. There are the three questions that all

who will attend will be asked to answer:
1) What are the major problems and challenges in our community?
2) What are the major strengths and assets of our community?
3) What projects would you like to see accomplished in your community in the next two, five, ten and twenty years?

On Thursday night the Resource team will hold a Town Meeting. During the Town Meeting the Listening Session responses are read, a preview of the recommendations of the Resource Team will be given and there will be a time for questions and answers.

In an effort to encourage as much community participation as possible, community sectors have been established. However, it is very important for all to know that everyone is invited to these Listening Sessions. You do NOT have to have a personal invitation or have previously attended any of the town meetings to come. JUST COME!

For information on our Resource Team effort, the Listening Sessions process, or the Listening Session agenda, contact Lori Dodd, director of the Gorman EDC at 734-3637 or 734-3933.

Listening Session--Three Questions

1. What are the major problems and challenges in your community?
2. What are the major strengths and assets of your community?
3. What projects would you like to see accomplished in your community in the next two or five, ten, and twenty years?

Listening Session Ground Rules

1. Questions will be answered, one at a time and in order.
2. When it is your turn, give only one idea, comment, or answer. You will get more than one chance to answer each question.
3. Keep your responses brief and to the point.
4. Everyone's opinion is valuable.

Jake Returns Home

Jake was released from the hospital in Oklahoma and returned to the home of Joetta Schuman on Saturday. He is improving daily.

Gorman Garage Sale April 29

Efforts are underway to hold the second community-wide garage sale here in Gorman. It will be a lot like last fall's attempt--only hopefully with much better weather! Those of you wanting to participate should call Eula Miers at 734-2517 or Lori Dodd at 734-3637. This will put your address on the 'Big Map' that will be published and distributed to all who come shopping that morning. There will be advertising in over 15 papers from Baird to Breckenridge. This will be an excellent opportunity to get your garage cleaned out, do some Spring cleaning and be ready for the Gorman Clean-up day. You'll already have all your good junk sold and your leftover stuff ready for the curb! Remember that's Saturday, April 29th. Call Eula or Lori for more details.

Easter Treasure Hunt April 22

The annual Gorman Easter Treasure Hunt is just around the corner and final plans are being made. The time has been set for 2:00 p.m., April 22 at the City Park, downtown Gorman.

Mrs. Bunny is busy getting everything ready. She is still accepting donations of money, candy, (no chocolate please), toys, or eggs. Donations may be left at Bob's Grocery, City Grocery, Smith's Service Station, or Heritage Manor.

Mrs. Bunny plans to be hopping in and out of Gorman the week before Easter and will be in town all day Saturday the 22nd (8:30-3:30).

- Age Groups for Treasure Hunt 2000
? (Child must be able to sit up alone) to 1 year
2 to 3 years
4 years to Kindergarten
1st and 2nd grade
3rd and 4th grade

RULES

1 helper per child in first 2 age groups will be allowed in the hunt area
1 Photographer per child in each age group will be allowed in the hunt area.
No one is to be in the hunt area before the Treasure Hunt except Mrs. Bunny and her helpers. Please do not let your children play on the playground equipment until after the hunt has ended.

Be sure and be there about 15 minutes before 2:00 Bunny time and your time may be a little different and you don't want to miss out on the fun.

BE SURE AND BRING A BIG BASKET OR SOME SACKS TO PUT YOUR "TREASURE."

Be sure to read the Gorman Progress next week for any changes and/or updates. DON'T FORGET--DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED!

OBITUARIES

Services Held for LaVelle Montgomery

LaVelle Miller Montgomery, 81, of Gorman, passed away Saturday, April 15, 2000. Services were Tuesday, April 18, 2000 at the Eastside Church of Christ in Graham, Texas with Dick Stovall minister officiating. Burial was at the Pioneer Cemetery in Graham under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Mrs. Montgomery was born July 11, 1918 in Loraine, Texas to the late Eli Nelson and Emma Jones. She married LaMerl Miller January 1, 1937 in Sweetwater, Texas. He preceded her in death June 28, 1982. She married Leon Montgomery January 29, 1988 in Graham, Texas. He preceded her in death April 11, 1992. Mrs. Montgomery was a member of the Church of Christ in Eastland, Texas, a former member of the Eastside Church of Christ in Graham and a housewife.

Survivors include two daughters, Kay Rodgers and husband Freddie of Gorman and Merla Williamson and husband Doug of Fort Worth; two stepdaughters, Ann Brown of Wichita Falls and Brenda Rocha of Florida; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and six step-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Dean N. Collins Laid to Rest

Dean N. Collins, 92, of Gorman, died Thursday, April 13, 2000 at Valley View Health Care Center in Eastland. Services were Saturday, April 15, 2000 at Higginbotham Funeral Chapel with Rev. Marion Fonville and Rev. Clarence Wilson officiating. Burial was in the Bear Springs Cemetery in Eastland County under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home.

He was born February 28, 1908 in Bear Springs in Eastland County to LaFoy L. Collins and Effie (Loyd) Collins. He married Lois Vernon on December 13, 1932 in Sayre, OK. Mr. Collins has lived in Kokomo for 46 years. He was a farmer and carpenter and a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church.

He is survived by his two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Charles Little of Eastland and Judy and Jim West of McGregor; 2 brothers, Sam Collins of Eastland, LaFoy Collins of Abilene; 2 sisters, Donnie Rone of Gorman and Jane Seitz of Mobeetee; 8 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, daughter, Linda Sandlin, son Norvil Collins, brother, Lawrence Collins, 3 sisters, Angie Case, Frankie Meadows, Johnnie Hood.

Services Held for Anna L. Clearman

Mrs. Anna Laura (Stanford) Clearman, 83, of Gorman, died Wednesday, April 12, 2000 at Abraham memorial Home in Canadian. Services were Saturday, April 15, 2000 at the Kokomo Baptist Church with Rev. Clarence Wilson and Rev. Wayne McEntire officiating. Burial was in the Simpson Cemetery in Eastland County under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

She was born July 28, 1916 in Leakey to Joseph Aaron Stanford and Mattie (Sansom) Stanford. She married J.C. Clearman on October 23, 1937 in Abilene. The Clearman's lived in the Lamesa area where they were engaged in farming until 1952 when they moved to Summerfield, near Hereford. They retired to Gorman in 1968 and ranched and raised registered Limousine cattle. Mrs. Clearman was a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She was also a member of the Kokomo Home Club.

She is survived by her two sons, Jamie Clearman of Lawn and Kenneth Clearman of Arlington; three daughters, Dianne Walsler of Hereford, Nanetta Thompson of Plainview, Mary Joe Leonard of Canadian; 9 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 1 sister, Edna Sudduth of Winters; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990.

Memorials may be made to Kokomo Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Gorman, Parkinson's Research at Covenant Lakeside, 4102 24th St., Ste. 501, Lubbock, 79410 or your favorite charity.

RC Band Concert

The Huntington Brass Quintet will be performing on the Ranger College Band spring concert, Tuesday, April 25. An evening of musical enjoyment is scheduled featuring the Ranger College Band with guest performers Jim Cockburn, Tommy Seay and the Huntington Brass.

Social Security

A representative from the Social Security Administration will be at the Eastland Courthouse, Commissioners Courtroom, Second Floor on Tuesday, April 25 at 9:30 AM.

You can call social security toll-free any weekday from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at 1-800-772-1213.

Public Notice

Eastland County will be applying for funds for infrastructure improvements through the Texas Department of Economic Development Texas Capital Fund Infrastructure Grant Program. The amount of funds requested in this application will be \$750,000. These funds will be used to construct rail improvements for Birdsong Peanuts which will be expanding its operations in Eastland County. This application will be available for review at the Eastland County Clerk's office during business hours.

3 Family Garage Sale, Desdemona, Friday April 21 from 8-5 and Saturday April 22 from 8-12. From blinking light in Desdemona take Hwy 16 south 4 miles Co. Rd. 4973. Watch for signs. Table with 4 chairs, color TV, baby bed, car seats, bassinette, womens, infant and boys clothing, desk, bedspreads and lots of misc. 1-4-20-C

Gorman Housing Authority: Taking applications for office clerk (cleaning of hotel included). Applications accepted from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-3 p.m., Mon-Fri. until April 25 at 9:30 a.m. EEOP 2-4-20-C

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Thank You

I would like to thank the people that supported and helped me in my bid for County Commissioner. I really enjoyed meeting the people of Precinct 3. Even though I didn't get to meet everyone, again I thank you for your vote and support.

Sincerely,
s/ Wesley N. Warren

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped with our very successful Yard Sale--Wesley Warren for the land, Gorman Progress, Desdemona, Community, all of the food and baked goods, all the business people in Gorman, and Mrs. Maples for the quilt. Jonathan at ZJ's won the quilt.

May God bless you,
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Gorman Jr. High Honor Roll 5th Six Weeks

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Note of Appreciation

To Gorman Citizens
On behalf of my Oklahoma family and myself, I want to say thanks to you all during the loss of our mother. The plants, flowers, cards, food and phone calls will always be remembered. Your kindness and prayers were greatly appreciated. My family was very touched to know I have so many wonderful friends in Gorman. A special thank you to the City of Gorman and the Gorman Housing Authority for your caring concern. To Becky Turner, Billy Don Simpson, Bill and Sherri Hair for traveling the distance to be with me when we laid my mother to rest. Words cannot express what it meant to me and my family. I want to thank Becky and Billy for being "foster" parents to

Thank You

Thank you so much for all the prayers, flowers, cards, visits and calls—that helped me more than you'll ever know. Thanks to all the girls at the Nursing Home and Eastland Hospital who gave me such good care.
God bless you.
Joan Butler

Deedra during my absence. My sister and I would like to thank Brenda Boyd and friends for the lunch upon our return home. My mother taught me, good friends are hard to find. It's a comfort to know I have.

Thank you,
s/ Sally Saldana

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